

# PATROL NEWS

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# From the Staff ...

**Major Luke Vislay**  
**Criminal Investigation Bureau**



Recent events throughout our world serve as a reminder of just how fragile life can be. Here in the United States, whether it is the senseless shootings at the Pulse Night Club in Orlando, FL, or the ambush of police officers in Dallas, TX, our TV screens remind us how vicious and ruthless some people in our communities have become. Even here in Missouri, we are not immune to the senseless violence and horrific actions of those individuals determined to do harm to others, including our law enforcement officers.

In 2015, Patrol criminal investigators conducted 32 officer-involved shooting investigations. That is an 88 percent increase over the previous year's 17 officer-involved shooting investigations. In nine of those instances, Highway Patrol officers were directly involved and required to defend themselves or others through the use of deadly force. Unfortunately, this year has not been any better. In the first half of 2016, our troopers have been involved in five shooting incidents, not to mention the numerous instances in which we have been required to use other forms of physical force to carry out our duties and defend ourselves.

So, you may be asking, "Why write about such a dreary subject?" At press time, 79 American police officers have lost their lives in the line of duty, 39 of which were killed by gunfire. That represents a 56 percent increase year to date. In 2014, and again in 2015, the FBI reports 20 "active shooter" incidents in the United States. These are the calls to which our troopers are responding. These statistics remind all of us that it's important to remain vigilant in preparing and training for all types of threats.

We should all, both troopers and civilians, diligently prepare ourselves—physically, mentally, and tactically—in the event we are called upon to act or defend ourselves and those around us. On or off duty, civilian or member, the decisions we make in the heat of the moment can truly effect the outcome of the situation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Vislay".

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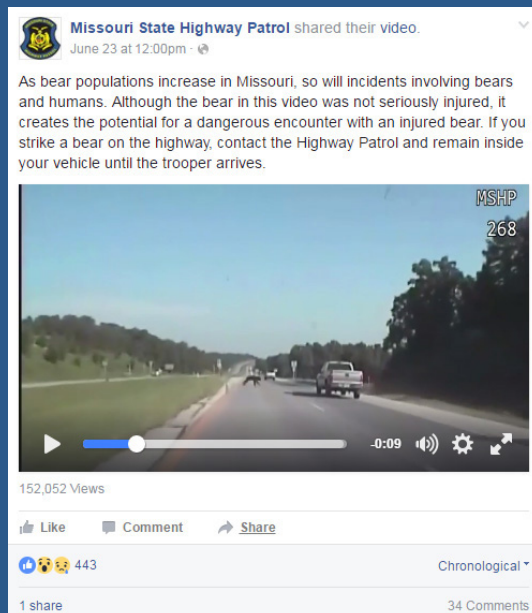
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## Social Media Snapshot



## Troop D Provides Security For Tebow



*Troop D provides security for speakers visiting the College of the Ozarks. Nine members were assigned to the protection detail on April 14, 2016, when Mr. Tim Tebow spoke at the college. Pictured from left to right: (front row) Lt. Jeffrey B. Johnson, Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Sgt. John H. Lueckenhoff, Mr. Tim Tebow, Tpr. Brandon A. Hall, Sgt. Matt Funderburk, Lt. D. Scott Sater; (back row) Lt. Dan Bracker and Sgt. Gary L. Braden. (Not pictured: Sgt. Greg Smith.)*

## Cover

*Gov. Jay Nixon (center) and Col. Bret Johnson (right) congratulate Tpr. Sean P. Ernst, who earned the Superintendent's Award.*



# Constitution Project Engages University Students

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

In an effort to provide a real-life experience to college students, two universities were invited to participate in the Constitution Project this spring. This pilot program was patterned after the high school competition taking place in the fall. Lindenwood University in St. Louis and Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO, each provided a team for the event.

After witnessing part of a legislative session at the Missouri Capitol, the group moved to General Headquarters. There, the criminal justice majors on the teams investigated a crime scene provided by the Patrol. The teams' journalism students covered the event. After lunch, the two teams met in the Supreme Court building where political science majors argued the case.

Associate Circuit Judge Douglas Gaston, 25th District (Texas County), the driving force behind the program, expressed his appreciation for the support of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and introduced Lieutenant Colonel Sandra Karsten, Q/ASO, to the group.

Lt. Col. Karsten, Q/ASO, welcomed the group, "We are pleased to offer you our facilities and expertise. I hope the Constitution Project will help you see how some of what you have learned applies to real world situations. This is probably a little different than what you've experienced so far in your college classrooms. This project gives you an opportunity to experience first-hand a simulated real life scenario

and the competition adds a bit of extra pressure."

For Lindenwood University students, the Constitution Project is considered a "topics" course lasting an entire semester. Professors in the criminal justice, journalism, and political science schools share instruction responsibilities.

"I'm enjoying it and have learned more than I expected," said Kim Fannara, a criminal justice major who played the role of defense attorney in the competition. She said they weren't quite sure what to expect and would have liked to have an information sheet explaining the competition a little earlier.

Sydney Seabaugh, another Lindenwood University



*The Patrol created a crime scene in a Law Enforcement Academy dormitory room.*



student, felt the Constitution Project was a great idea. "I think it's not only beneficial—to help us in our career path—but also seeing how each system works and has different relationships with one another." She felt the competition was educational.

For the UCM students, the Constitution Project was an extracurricular activity picked up only days before the

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*University students fill the roles of journalist and criminal investigator during the first phase of the Constitution Project competition.*



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competition. But, the students were happy they participated.

"I think it's a good project to continue to pursue," said Asia Garrison, a journalism major. "I didn't think it was going to be as in-depth as it is. I thought it would be more observation and report. Separating us as they did (journalists, criminal justice, political science) was good. It was more like real life."

"I like that it has real world application to my field," said Denise Elam. "You can read about how things will happen, but being there to see what it would be like in real life is a good experience." If given the opportunity, Denise said she would participate again.



*The student "attorneys" argue their case in the Supreme Court chamber during the last part of the competition.*

## MSHP Featured In FBI Training

***By Trainer/Auditor IV Chris L. Parr, Q/CJISD***

In April 2016, the MSHP CJIS Division received notification from the FBI CJIS Training Unit that Missouri had been selected as the setting for a new training film on the NCIC Sex Offender File. This video will be released to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies nationwide to help NCIC users understand how Sex Offender information is stored and queried in NCIC.

The Missouri Capitol building, MSHP EVOC track, Jefferson City's Riverside Park, the Cole County Sheriff's Office, MSHP Academy gymnasium, and a private residence in Jefferson City were used as backdrops for several mock scenarios involving law enforcement coming into contact with registered sex offenders. Members of the CJIS Division got to play "bad guys" and officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City Police Department, and Cole County Sheriff's Office played the law enforcement roles. In order to maintain anonymity, players will be uncredited and the scenes were shot in such a way as

to not clearly reveal the faces of civilian actors. (Except for one sex offender role, which we hope won't be seen by any of CJIS Division Program Manager Jeffrey D. Reece's friends or family without a proper explanation!) The video will show officers coming into contact with sex offenders and then explaining briefly to the audience why a particular action was or wasn't taken.

MSHP CJIS Division personnel assisting the production of this film were: Lieutenant Steve J. Frisbie, Program Mgr. Jeffrey D. Reece, Program

Manager Theresa A. Huhn, Program Manager Kerry K. Creach, Trainer/Auditor IV Chris L. Parr, Trainer/Auditor IV Bruce D. Snider, Technician III Tiffany M. Garnett, Technician II John M. Rollins, Program Supervisor Tammy R. Byrd, Trainer/Auditor III Pam M. Aberle, & Technician III Michelle E. Pfeiffer. Communications Specialists Jan Edgell and Teneila Jackson, of the Cole County Sheriff's Department, also played roles in the video.

Officers featured in the film are Corporal Kyle A. Green, Trooper Marylyn A. Dickens, and Trooper Bryan H. Salmons, all from Troop F, Officer David Mays, Sergeant Jason Payne, and Detective Curt Finke from the Jefferson City Police Department, and Corporal Todd Marsey from the Cole County Sheriff's Department.



*Tpr. Marylyn Dickens, Troop F, talks to a member of the film crew prior to shooting a traffic stop scene for the FBI's new Sex Offender File training video.*

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## How Others See Us

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### *Commanding Officer Troop F:*

I am honored to write to you about Trooper Colby Holzschuh [Troop F]. I contacted Tpr. Holzschuh in March for a request. I asked him if he would come to my twins' fifth birthday party. The boys wanted to have a fire/police/rescue party. Waylyn dressed up as a policeman and Wyatt as a fireman. What would be cooler than a real Highway Patrol trooper at their party? So, Tpr. Holzschuh said he would be happy to come and see the kids. He asked if there was anything else I needed. I asked if he knew a firefighter to join him. Thursday, the 21st [April], Tpr. Holzschuh texted me to make sure the party was still a go on the 30th of April. I replied, "Yes." he told me he had not one, but two firefighters and a firetruck. Tpr. Holzschuh went above and beyond to make my boys' party one of the **greatest** days of their lives. When Tpr. Holzschuh came down the driveway with his Patrol car with the lights on and a firetruck, the boys said, "Mom it's the police and a firetruck." Waylyn

was so surprised to see it he said, "A real Highway Patrol and his car, too, Mom!" Wyatt got to sit in the driver's seat of a real firetruck. All the kids and adults thought that was the coolest thing and party they had been to. Tpr. Holzschuh is a true hero to us. Not only did he make our party a success, he brought the boys a gift from himself; he got the boys police cruisers. They told me to [put them] up so they could see them in their room, so one day Waylyn can be a trooper like Tpr. Holzschuh. Our family has a high respect for Colby for his kindness and for all troopers and firefighters. I am forever grateful to him for taking the time to make two little boys so happy.



*Tpr. Colby Holzschuh, Troop F, helped make the Weller twins' fifth birthday one to remember.*

God bless you all and thank you for your service.

*Respectfully yours,  
Jodi, Waylyn, and Wyatt Weller*

## Missouri Honors Its Heroes



*On Saturday, May 7, 2016, family, friends, and co-workers gathered to honor Missouri's fallen law enforcement heroes. During this solemn ceremony, seven officers were remembered, three of whom were killed in the line of duty in 2015; the remaining four died from 1908-1935. Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper James M. Bava (EOW August 28, 2015) was one of the names added to Missouri's Law Enforcement Memorial during this year's ceremony. Each year, the families of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in the previous year, and through the decades, participate in the ceremony by placing white carnations in a wreath in honor of Missouri's fallen heroes. Officers from agencies that have lost officers place wreaths at the memorial as the department names are read aloud. In this picture, the Troop F Honor Guard is presenting a 21-gun salute during the memorial ceremony.*



# Patrol Escorts Bava Family To National LEM

By Capt. Mike Turner, Troop F  
Lt. Wallace V. Ahrens, Troop F

The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service is one of a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors. Major Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB, Major Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/TSB, Lieutenant Wallace V. Ahrens, Troop F, Lieutenant Eddie A. Blaylock, Troop C, members of the Troop E Honor Guard, and Captain Mike A. Turner, Troop F, had the privilege of representing the Patrol and experiencing many of the events and special places our nation's capital has to offer. We were joined by members of the Bava family, who made the trip in honor of Trooper James M. Bava, who gave his life in 2015 while serving the citizens of Missouri.

Upon exiting the airplane at Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., the Bava family was greeted by a large contingent of law enforcement officers, including members of the British Police Force. The British officers stood at attention and rendered a hand salute while the family entered the terminal area of the airport. From the time the Bavas exited the plane until they reached their hotel, they had a police escort. These officers carried

*The Bava family and their escorts had an opportunity to visit several national monuments. Pictured (l to r) are Lt. Wallace Ahrens, Troop F, Lt. Eddie Blaylock, Troop C, Mrs. Elizabeth and Mr. Joshua Bava, Ms. Rose Sanders, Ms. Alyssa Bava and Mr. Tyler Schneider, and Mrs. Alyce and Mr. James Bava.*

their luggage and ensured they had transportation to their hotel.

On Thursday, the Bavas went to the United States Marine Corps Memorial to meet riders from the Law Enforcement United bicycle tour. Law Enforcement United is a group that rides bicycles to raise money for many groups, including Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). Each cyclist rides in memory of a fallen officer and one of the riders rode in memory of Trooper James Bava, flying a flag bearing Tpr. Bava's photo on his bicycle. The Bava family welcomed this rider and thanked him for his efforts.

After leaving the Marine Corps Memorial, the Bavas went to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial to welcome cyclists from the Police Unity Tour (another police cyclist fundraising group). This group also rode to raise money, mainly for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund. Sergeant James Mushe,

*Mr. Jim Bava places a photo of his son, fallen hero Tpr. James M. Bava, on the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial where his son's name is found on Panel 62 East, Line 29.*



Q/DDCC, participated in this ride and rode his bicycle approximately 300 miles.

On Friday, the Bavas were able to spend time at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and interact with other families who had lost an officer in the line of duty. It was at the wall that the Bavas met the family of Wisconsin State Trooper Trevor Casper. Tpr. Casper was killed in the line of duty on March 24, 2015. His name is on the memorial wall panel immediately adjacent to the panel bearing Tpr. Bava's name.

On Friday evening, the troopers and the Bava family attended the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Candlelight Vigil. This was a very emotional and moving experience. Speakers included United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch. At the end of the vigil, the name of each officer lost in 2015 was read aloud.

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"This was my first trip to Washington, D.C. I had never visited the World War II, Korean War, or Vietnam War Memorials," said Capt. Turner. "I had never experienced Arlington National Cemetery to honor the brave men and women who died protecting our country. I had never attended Police Week, the Candlelight Vigil, or the Law Enforcement Memorial where over 19,000 names of law enforcement officers' names are forever inscribed. This year, 232 names were added to the wall. Seeing the reaction of family members when they see and touch their loved ones name on the wall for the first time, or the teddy bears, notes, and memories left by children who will never see their daddy or mommy again is something I will never forget. The thing is, these are not just names on a memorial or on a wall, they are sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters, each with their own story of how they lived and, ultimately, how they died. We must never forget their sacrifice."



*(l to r) Tpr. Conrad L. Purnell, Troop E, Officer Joshua Bava, Mr. James Bava, Ms. Alyssa Bava, Ms. Katharine Bava, Lt. Wallace V. Ahrens, and Sgt. Douglas M. McDaniel, wait respectfully while Mrs. Alyce Bava and Ms. Rose Sanders place a flower in the national memorial wreath.*



*The Bava family is pictured at the candlelight vigil on May 13, 2016, in Washington, D.C.*



*The Bava family is pictured next to the memorial wreath in front of our nation's Capitol building after the service.*

On Saturday the Bava family attended various classes and heard a number of speakers. COPS sponsored this event, offering many different seminars for families.

Sunday was the day of the 35th Annual National Peace Officers' Memo-

rial Service. The service was held on the West front lawn of the United States Capitol and involved each family pinning a flower on a wreath, as the name of their fallen officer was read. Alyce Bava and Rose Sanders (Tpr. Bava's fiancé) placed the flower on the wreath together as Tpr. Bava's name was read.

On Monday, there were more classes, seminars, and speakers for the surviving family members and co-workers. The Bavas, along with Lieutenants Blaylock and Ahrens returned to Missouri on Tuesday morning.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week recognizes law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the service and protection of others.

Each year, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, D.C., to participate in a series of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a small gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Currently National Police Week attracts in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees from around the world to our nation's capital each year. Those in attendance include the families of fallen officers, co-workers, fellow officers, and law enforcement supporters.



# TROOP E HONOR GUARD: PRIVILEGE & DUTY

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Troop E Honor Guard returned to Washington, D.C., this past May. In addition to serving as escorts and a constant supporting presence to those attending National Police Week events, the honor guard entered the Police Week Honor Guard Competition. On May 14, 2016, the Troop E Honor Guard was inspected, posted colors, then presented their drill for the judges to review. To prepare for the event, members of the Troop E Honor Guard practice countless hours on their own time, twice each month for eight hours a day as a group from January through April, and eight hours a day for the week preceding competition. Here is what several members of the Troop E Honor Guard had to say about the experience:

"It is a huge honor to be selected from the entire U.S. to compete," said Sgt. Doug M. McDaniel, Troop E. "There were several full-time teams and teams from very large departments like Chicago PD and Orlando PD. We are a part-time team at best."

"It's a great honor for me to participate in something as big as this," said Tpr. John J. West, Troop E. "Not only the competition, but being able to be part of the law enforcement memorial service and being one of the wreath



*Members of the Troop E Honor Guard go from right shoulder arms to port arms during a series of sequential weapon movements. They are (from l to r) Sgt. Chuck Colbert, Tpr. Conrad Purnell, Tpr. John West, Sgt. Doug McDaniel, Sgt. Ben Jones, and Cpl. Chris Hamlett.*

guards when Trooper James M. Bava's family came up and placed the rose into the [memorial] wreath. It meant a lot to me."

"I was honored to have the opportunity to represent the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and to have the chance to personally thank the families and loved ones who have sacrificed so much," said Sergeant Chuck R. Colbert, Troop E. "We represented the entire Patrol family, and I was flattered we were given so much responsibility by the Patrol's Command Staff. I have been with the team since its conception, and it was great seeing everyone grow. Several people played a key role in the success of the team. I would start with the command staff from the colonel to several of our Troop E lieutenants. Without command support, this

endeavor would not have happened. Captain [George E.] Ridens\* was very supportive and was a driving force to ensure we had the resources and time necessary to be successful. Sergeant McDaniel was personally responsible for coordinating events for the team and all the logistics necessary for success. It really would be hard to put his influence into words, but from the smallest item (shoe strings) to major events like the Washington, D.C., competition, Sgt. McDaniel was completely responsible for its organization. Without Sgt. McDaniel's leadership and administrative skills, I guarantee this story would have a completely different ending."

"Being able to showcase the professionalism of the MSHP as a whole and the talents of our members on a national level is awesome," said Cpl. Christ D. Hamlett, Troop E. "I do have a bias, of course, but the guys that made up our team are some of the best we have to offer. Having them represent the MSHP, Troop E, and our state is something they did not take lightly."

"The 'competing' was secondary. When you travel to National Police Week and see the faces of families who have lost a loved one in the service of their communities is something that

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*Troop E Honor Guard—Tpr. Conrad L. Purnell, Sgt. Chuck Colbert, Sgt. Ben C. Jones, Sgt. Doug McDaniel, Cpl. Chris Hamlett, and Tpr. John West—march forward after executing a right wheel in order to post the colors during phase two of the competition.*

# — Guard

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you cannot forget. The sense of family is great, but along with that comes a solemnness that is indescribable,” said Cpl. Hamlett. “That being said, performing our drill routine in memory of Tpr. Bava and in honor of his family was the most important thing we could do. It was both our duty, which was not taken lightly, and also an honor to

remember one of our own. Looking directly in front of us, during the routine, and seeing the Bava family made this one of the most emotional things I have ever done as a member of the MSHP. I think I speak for our team when I say there was not one of us that were not moved during our presentation.”

The Troop E Honor Guard earned sixth place out of the 19 honor guards competing. The group hopes to return to Washington, D.C., but recog-

nizes that the cost to do so may affect whether or not it happens. In addition to competing in Washington, D.C., the Troop E Honor Guard participates in active/retired member funerals in the Troop E area, provides a color guard for sporting events, attends governors’ inaugurations, provides training, and competed in Branson (2016).

\* Captain George Ridens is now retired.

## DPS Honors Sgts. McGinnis, Primm

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

“When you think of Brooks and Greg, they go together,” said Colonel J. Bret Johnson. “You think, ‘Teamwork.’ I don’t know of any two [troopers] who cheer on others like these two. Not only their team, but other officers. They also find time to be husbands and fathers, and good sons, too. All of those things are very important.”

Col. Johnson’s remarks occurred at the May 2016 Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month ceremony on May 23, 2016, at General Headquarters.

The team—Sergeant R. Brooks McGinnis and Sergeant Greg D. Primm, both Troop A—was being honored for their interdiction work. In 2015, Sgt. McGinnis and Sgt. Primm conducted 671 traffic stops. These stops led to 159 searches with contraband being located in 126 of them. That relates to a 79% ‘hit’ rate. Those searches yielded \$68,592 in cash, over 345 pounds of marijuana, over two pounds of methamphetamine, more than two pounds of cocaine, over 16 ounces of hashish, and three weapons. Fifty suspects were arrested as a result.

Sergeants McGinnis and Primm spend countless hours assisting officers with vehicle stops, searches, arrests, and follow-up investigations. According to Captain Scott A. Shippers, Troop A, the McGinnis-Primm team is self-sufficient and requires little supervision. They are always available to as-

sist other departments and have developed relationships with agencies outside the state.

“I’m honored to be able to provide this recognition and the award to you,” said Col. Johnson at the ceremony. He presented each officer with a Patrol challenge coin saying, “Thank you for the good work you do each day. We are proud of each of you.”

DPS Director Lane Roberts also congratulated the troopers. “To be able to do what they do effectively takes people who know what they are doing and are dedicated.”

Sgt. McGinnis and Sgt. Primm each accepted a certificate and their names will be inscribed on the DPS Employee of the Month traveling plaque.

“I appreciate the recognition for these two officers,” said Capt. Shippers. “I can’t say enough about these two guys and how they go about their work every day. Their professionalism and the support they give other agencies is outstanding. They are well known outside the area. Congratulations, gentlemen.”

“We certainly don’t feel deserving of the DPS Employee of the Month award,” said Sgt. McGinnis. “But, we



*Sgt. Brooks McGinnis and Sgt. Greg Primm included K-9 Jamby, a member of their interdiction team, in this photo at the DPS Employee of the Month ceremony.*

are extremely appreciative of the support we have received. Criminal interdiction can be a dangerous job that is always stressful — from the onset of the traffic stop through the close of the case in courtroom proceedings. It makes our job much easier knowing that we are supported and encouraged by Patrol staff, co-workers, friends, and most of all, our family.”

After echoing Sgt. McGinnis’ sentiments, Sgt. Primm added, “Looking out at this room and seeing all of you ... When I was growing up, I followed all of your careers. Some kids looked at baseball cards. I read the *Patrol News*. It’s great to stand with you today. Thank you.”

*Congratulations, Sergeants McGinnis and Primm!*



## Running For A Cause

Cpl. Andy L. Woods, Cpl. Dustin B. Reed, both Troop C, and Criminalist III Laura M. Crandal, Q/CLD, participated for the Special Olympics Torch Run in the Troop C area. All across Missouri, Highway Patrol employees volunteered for this important cause. Preliminary totals indicate Law Enforcement Torch Run volunteers raised \$1,337,638 in Missouri so far in 2016.



## 47th Annual Missouri Cadet Patrol

### “What will you take with you?”

“Discipline, dedication, and integrity.”  
– *Anthony K.*

“I will take integrity and respect back with me. This week has taught me how to respect others and myself more so than I already did.” – *Dylan S.*

### “What activity affected you the most?”

“The activity that affected me the most was PT, because it stressed the importance of how being fit can mean life or death in the line of duty.” – *John C.*

“Running/exercise after a poor drill or decision affected me most, because it taught me that with every mistake there are consequences.” – *Blake T.*



*Young people from throughout the state came to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy to take part in the American Legion sponsored Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy. Held June 12 through June 17, 2016, the experience left an impression. Pictured are this year's cadets.*

# Patrol Commissions 102<sup>nd</sup> Recruit Class

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

They entered a full gymnasium to a cadence. Special guests and speakers were seated near and on the stage. It was time for the graduation of the 102nd Recruit Class to begin. These graduates represent the best of the best...those who volunteer to place themselves in harm's way in order to protect others—the ones who keep the world from chaos. They are troopers with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The 102nd Recruit Class said their Oath of Office during a graduation ceremony on June 24, 2016.

"Congratulations," said DPS Director Lane Roberts. "You have successfully completed what is more arguably the most strenuous academy in the nation. Soon you will take an Oath of Office. Remember it. Your honor is at stake. The oath you take is given to a document: The Constitution. The purpose in life is to be honorable, to be useful, to matter. Troopers, you matter. Be courageous, be honorable, and be safe."

Gov. Jay Nixon provided the keynote speech. "You've made an excep-



*Gov. Jay Nixon served as the keynote speaker at the 102nd Recruit Class' graduation.*

tional career choice and chosen an exceptional agency," he told the new troopers. "Few agencies are as prepared for the challenges law enforcement faces than the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The MSHP is Missouri's premier emergency response force. You are becoming troopers at a crucial time for law enforcement and our nation. It is essential that you continue learning and

adapting to the threats that face us. You are becoming part of this critical effort to protect Missouri and our nation."

He pointed out the Patrol has a history of continually modernizing its approach while embracing its traditions. He shared several examples of individual troopers whose actions had a direct impact on someone's life. The governor pointed out that technology can make things impersonal, but that their badge was forged in service.

"As you begin your field training, learn everything you can from your field training officer," said Gov. Nixon. "Watch how they live the Patrol's values. Never forget the difference a single trooper can make in an individual's life. God bless your decision to serve and protect the people of our great state and nation."

The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, Missouri Supreme Court, admin-

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*Capt. Vince S. Rice, Q/TND, congratulates Tpr. William W. Fair after the new trooper signed his Oath of Office.*



istered the Oath of Office. To begin, she instructed the class to state their names individually before continuing to speak their oath as a class. Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs at Mineral Area College in Park Hills, MO, conferred associate of applied science degrees to 10 of the new troopers.

Troop F Color Guard presented and retired the colors. A quartet consisting of Sergeant John H. Lueckenhoff, Troop D, Sergeant Andrew A. Henry, Troop H, Trooper Steven J. Force, Troop H, and Pastor Terry Beasley, of Cameron, MO, sang the national anthem. Rev. Tim Rickman, Assemblies of God, Nixa, MO, provided the invocation and benediction.

Colonel J. Bret Johnson then addressed the class. "Your dedication and hard work is what brought you here today, and you will need it as you work to serve and protect the people of this state. If you believe everything you see on some cable news networks, our nation appears divided." He instructed the new troopers to help, "bring communities together through small acts of kindness and compassion. As the newest 26 peacekeepers of our agency, I submit to you that you are the first of the next 102 recruit classes. Set the standard. May God bless you and your new career and keep you safe in everything you do in the name of the people in the state of Missouri."

Four class awards were presented. Trooper Dakota K. Fletcher earned the physical fitness award. Trooper Justin C. Jenkins earned the firearms award. Trooper Matthew W. Neely earned the academics award. Trooper Sean P. Ernst accepted the Superintendent's Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall.

Tpr. Aaron W. Ferguson, 102nd Recruit Class' commander spoke on behalf of the class. "Forty-one of us congregated to begin a journey," he

## Congratulations To The New Troopers!

*Listed below are the names/hometowns/first assignments of the 102nd Recruit Class:*

Ronald K. Adams	Portageville, MO	Troop E	Pemiscot & New Madrid Counties
Geoffrey Beaulieu	Cassville, MO	Troop F	Montgomery County
Caleb M. Elam	Oak Ridge, MO	Troop E	Scott, Mississippi, & New Madrid Counties
Kyle L. Elledge	Newburg, MO	Troop C	St. Francois & Washington Counties
Sean P. Ernst	Columbia, MO	Troop F	Boone County
William W. Fair	Chicago, IL	Troop I	Phelps & Marien Counties
Aaron W. Ferguson	Warrensburg, MO	Troop A	Ray & Carrol
Dakota K. Fletcher	Hamilton, MO	Troop A	Clay County
Tyler C. Fuller	Macon, MO	Troop B	Marion & Ralls Counties
Samuel R. Glass	Springfield, MO	Troop D	McDonald & Newton Counties
Justin C. Jenkins	Mineral Point, MO	Troop C	Ste. Genevieve & Perry Counties
Brandon G. Katzing	Sedalia, MO	Troop A	Benton County
Robert P. Mahoney Jr.	Arnold, MO	Troop C	Ste. Genevieve & Perry Counties
Justin K. Marlin	Osage Beach, MO	Troop A	Benton County
Corey T. Morgan	Columbia, MO	Troop G	Carter & Reynolds Counties
Matthew W. Neely	Cameron, MO	Troop H	Daviess & DeKalb Counties
Catlynn E. Newbold	Columbia, MO	Troop F	Camden County
Andrew C. Rickman	Battlefield, MO	Troop D	Stone & Taney Counties
Mark D. Ritter	St. Robert, MO	Troop I	Phelps & Maries Counties
Kaven D. Roney	Farmington, MO	Troop C	St. Francois & Washington Counties
Jeremy D. Sanders	Cuba, MO	Troop C	St. Francois & Washington Counties
Nelson R. Saucedo	Valley Park, MO	Troop C	Warren County
Joseph C. Southwood	Columbia, MO	Troop I	Laclede County
Braiden D. Vaught	Springfield, MO	Troop D	Jasper County
Brodie P. Waaso	Cottleville, MO	Troop C	St. Charles County
Ryan J. Windham	Dexter, MO	Troop E	Scott, Mississippi, & New Madrid Counties



*The 102nd Recruit Class is picture.*

said. "Some of us were surprisingly old and some of us were painfully young. We learned that we could work together as a team with each of us contributing something to make us successful. We had every difference you can think of, but today we have something in common. Today, we graduate as brothers with one very patient sister. The officers before you will be the pillars

of their community. They will not stop giving their best until their duty is done. The troopers you see before you are the best in the state. To all of my fellow troopers: Remember that somewhere out there someone will be counting on you during the worst time of their lives to be there for them."

Tpr. Ferguson also expressed the class' appreciation to the Academy

staff, Patrol command, family and friends who supported them throughout their training.

Then, Tpr. Ferguson invited the 102nd Recruit Class to salute those present by giving their class cheer one last time.

Congratulations to the new troopers and their families!

## Weekend Highlight

*Tpr. Brett A. Forsythe, Troop F, is seen presenting "I got caught wearing my lifejacket" T-shirts at the Lake of the Ozarks. The program's purpose is to promote life jacket use, and helps connect troopers and the people they serve on the water. The family enjoyed the contact so much they sent an email. "Officer gave all our boys a T-shirt this last weekend at LOTO. One of many highlights of their weekend. Many thanks, Justin." Keep up the good work, Tpr. Forsythe!*





# Troopers Thwart Sex Trafficker

## DPS Recognizes Broniec, Mason, Sanchez

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

It began with an email. On July 12, 2015, the Missouri Information Analysis Center shared information about a kidnapping that occurred in Rio Rancho, NM. The subject was believed to be driving a stolen Lexus two-door vehicle. The Rio Rancho (NM) Police Department pinged the subject's cell phone in Colorado and in Kansas City, MO. They believed the subject was traveling on Interstate 70 en route to the East Coast or possibly Florida. The last ping of the cell phone was at a Greyhound bus station in Kansas City earlier in the day.

"As you might imagine, I spoke with several local and state agencies," said Lt. Brett Denison, Rio Rancho Police Department in New Mexico, via an email interview. "What I experienced was unforeseen resistance from many agencies that didn't seem worried about the child and her abductor. They were more concerned about us providing them with cell phone subpoenas and Amber Alert information before they would even consider looking in the areas we knew them [suspect/victim] to be located or possibly located. It wasn't until I was put into contact with Trooper Mason and Sgt. Broniec through the communication center [MIAC] that my case synopsis alone was enough for them to literally say 'We're on it sir, we'll be in touch.' They kept to their words and I heard from both gentlemen many times over several hours."

Trooper Derek A. Mason, Troop C, had read the email while in the zone office. "I did the math, and figured the subject and the girl who was kidnapped should be traveling through the St. Louis area within the next couple hours," he said. Tpr. Mason gained the approval of his zone sergeant, Sergeant Michael E. Broniec, Troop C, then asked Tpr. Jose Sanchez, Troop C, if he would like to assist.



*Col. J. Bret Johnson (l) and DPS Director Lane Roberts (r) congratulated (center, l to r) Sgt. Michael Broniec, Tpr. Jose Sanchez, and Tpr. Derek Mason for their part in rescuing a young girl from a sex trafficker.*

Tpr. Mason's initial conversation with Lt. Denison informed him the subject was believed to be traveling east on Interstate 70. Troopers Mason and Sanchez set up on Interstate 70 at the Blanchette Bridge in an attempt to locate the subject's vehicle. After about an hour, Lt. Denison called Tpr. Mason on his cell phone with information regarding a cell phone ping indicating the subject was in St. Louis (city).

"I advised him we would go to the location of the ping to try and locate the subject," said Tpr. Mason. "Lt. Dennison asked if we could assist with the investigation from Missouri, to follow all leads we could. He advised me they were working with the FBI to get warrants issued and that they were going to continue to monitor the subject's cell phone and bank account."

When Tpr. Mason updated Sgt. Broniec, his sergeant joined him and Tpr. Sanchez at the location: A Greyhound bus station in downtown St. Louis. The troopers checked the station, but did not locate the subject or the kidnapped girl.

"Based on all the information we had, Sgt. Broniec, Tpr. Sanchez, and I believed the subject was continuing to travel on a Greyhound bus," said Tpr. Mason. The troopers then began checking manifests, hoping to find the

name of the subject or kidnapped girl. Their search yielded neither, leading the troopers to suspect the pair were using fake names. While reviewing manifests, the troopers began reviewing hours of surveillance video from the Greyhound station, hoping to catch a glimpse of the subjects.

"We determined which buses had departed and contacted various law enforcement agencies around the U.S. to make traffic stops on the buses to check for the subjects," said Tpr. Mason. After a couple hours of searching, they finally located the subjects on surveillance video getting off a bus. "We tracked them on the surveillance video for a long period of time until we pinpointed which bus they boarded. We figured out that the bus they got on made a stop in Illinois then was due to stop in Indianapolis, IN, in about two hours."

When the Indiana State Police was advised of the situation, they were more than willing to assist. Tpr. Mason provided the ISP with the location the bus would be stopping in Indianapolis, the bus number, and terminal. The Indiana State Police and the Indianapolis Police Department conducted a sting at the bus terminal and took the

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subject into custody. The young girl who was kidnapped advised police at that time she was kidnapped and taken against her will.

"Sgt Broniec, Tpr. Mason, and Tpr. Sanchez took over as liaisons for us and handled all communication with Indiana State Police, who were able to locate and detain our suspect and victim," said Lt. Denison. "The entire time your guys were assisting us, they kept in telephone contact and relentlessly pursued the suspect and victim."

"We later found out that the male who kidnapped the young girl was intending to transport her overseas," said Tpr. Mason. "We also found out that a search warrant was executed on the subject's residence and was described by investigators as the most disgusting place they had ever been in and I believe ample amounts of child pornography were located at the residence. I would say the entire investigation on our end from the time I read the email to the time he was taken in custody was about six to seven hours.

I would add that during this investigation we were in constant contact with the Rio Rancho Police Department and they were extremely grateful we were willing to help. The teamwork between the two agencies located so far apart geographically was amazing. I really want to emphasize that without the support of Sgt. Broniec and the Troop C staff, who were being updated along the way, this would not have been possible. They were all very encouraging and not only allowed, but encouraged us to follow up on any leads we came across throughout the duration of the investigation."

Director Lane Roberts, Missouri Department of Public Safety, recognized the efforts of Sgt. Broniec, Tpr. Mason, and Tpr. Sanchez by naming them June 2016 DPS Employees of the Month. The awards were presented during a ceremony on June 16, 2016, at General Headquarters.

"The New Mexico officer was having trouble gaining assistance from other agencies, until he came to the Missouri State Highway Patrol," said DPS Director Lane Roberts. "In typical MSHP fashion these three officers

stood up and went the extra mile and, in so doing, saved a young girl from a fate more horrible than most of us can comprehend."

"Not only did Sgt. Broniec, Tpr. Mason, and Tpr. Sanchez help rescue one young girl from an unimaginable life, their work most likely saved other children from a similar fate," said Lt. Terry R. Potter, Troop C. "They are heroes. They were police officers taking the time to do the meticulous investigative work that usually goes unnoticed, to take a monster off the street. I am happy to see them get recognized."

"Sgt. Broniec, Tpr. Mason, and Tpr. Sanchez treated this case as if it were one of their children abducted," said Lt. Denison. "If it weren't for their dedication and desire to go above and beyond, I'm certain the victim would have been taken out of the country for the purpose of sexual abuse and slavery. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is one of the finest organizations I've ever been in contact with or worked with. The leadership and staff are doing something right, for sure."

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## *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Mike W. Jones**  
Sergeant  
Troop I

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
26 years of dedicated service.*



**Tony J. Mattox**  
Sergeant  
Troop F

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
26 years of dedicated service.*





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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Roger D. Shikles**

Sergeant  
Troop F

*Retired June 1, 2016.  
34 years of dedicated service.*



**Wayne E. Talburt**

Lieutenant  
Troop G

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
35 years of dedicated service.*

**David F. Warren**

Criminalist III  
Q/CLD

*Retired June 1, 2016.  
Eight years of dedicated service.*



**Don J. Windham**

Sergeant  
Q/DDCC

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
29 years, 11 months  
of dedicated service.*



**Jeff E. Barron**

MVI III  
Troop C

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
30 years of dedicated service.*



**Greg Q. Billings**

Sergeant  
Q/FOB

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
26 years, nine months  
of dedicated service.*

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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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## **A. Jane Breen**

DE III  
Troop F

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
15 years of dedicated service.*



## **Mike R. Bryan**

Sergeant  
Troop D

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
28 years of dedicated service.*



## **Steve R. Dye**

CVO Sprv. I  
Troop H

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
28 years of dedicated service.*



## **Brenda M.**

**Eickhorst**  
Technician III  
Q/CJISD

*Retired July 1, 2016.  
14 years of dedicated service.*

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# *Thank You*

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I would like to thank everyone who helped, supported, and participated in the 2016 Badge of Honor Benefit Run. We raised approximately \$10,000, and the money was equally distributed among The MASTERS, The BackStoppers Inc., and the Fraternal Order of Police. Again, thanks and hope to see you at the event next year. The next Badge of Honor Benefit Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017. Yes, April Fool's Day. We are in the planning stages now, but the event is now a non-profit corporation called the Badge of Honor Benefit Run Inc. We are also moving the event to Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff, so there will be

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new run courses. More to follow at a later date.

*Capt. Jeffrey N. Vitale, Troop E*

On behalf of the family of Ray Herigon, we would like to thank those for their support through cards, prayers, and condolences. We would also like to thank those who were able to attend the visitation and funeral mass for our father. Your thoughtfulness and support was greatly appreciated.

*CITS II Charlie M. Herigon,  
Q/ICTD*

*Clerk III Jeff A. Herigon, Q/BPD*

On behalf of the Knox family, I would like to thank everyone for your cards, letters, thoughts, and prayers following the death of our father (and father-in-law) Harvey E. Knox. I would also like to thank everyone who attended the visitation and funeral. The show of support did not go unnoticed by our family.

*Sincerely,*

*Sgt. Dale E. & DE Sprv. Deborah  
V. Knox, Q/GD and Troop A,  
respectively*

*DE II Randy E. Knox, Troop A*



# 'Looking Beyond The Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of April 16 to June 14. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)*

## Troop A

Tpr. T.A. Baxter, 4 arrests  
Tpr. T.J. Black, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.I. Cobb, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. Crump, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.G. Dunfee, 3 arrests  
Tpr. S.R. Eaton, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.P. Fennwald, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.S. Green, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.A. Green, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Harrison, 3 arrests  
Cpl. D.J. Kline, 3 arrests  
Cpl. C.S. Kutzner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 3 arrests  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.A. Owens, 2 arrests  
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 6 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 4 arrests  
Cpl. R.W. Shaul, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Siercks, 1 arrest  
Tpr. H.R. Stevens, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 4 arrests  
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.G. Yendes, 3 arrests

## Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.H. Bartels, 2 arrests  
Sgt. E.F. Brown, 5 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Crutchfield, 1 arrest  
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Henry, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.M. Hoover, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 5 arrests  
Tpr. K. McGivney, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.S. Pearson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 2 arrests

## Troop C

Tpr. J.A. Akers, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.M. Arbuthnot, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.A. Ashby, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.G. Autenrieth, 1 arrest  
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Z.D. Bauer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Bilyeu, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.M. Bishop, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.M. Bolton, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.R. Davis, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Diffie, 3 arrests  
Cpl. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.K. Halim, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.J. Magnan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.L. Patton, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.B. Reed, 2 arrests  
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Shibley, 3 arrests  
Tpr. S.S. Sitton, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.A. Teague, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Z.S. Wang, 1 arrest

## Troop D

Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 4 arrests  
Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Cary, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Carnagey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.C. Clark, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 4 arrests  
Tpr. G.T. Hackett, 6 arrests  
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 6 arrests  
Tpr. R.L. Hutton, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.M. James, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 11 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Kahler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 4 arrests  
Cpl. J.L. Mason, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 6 arrests  
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.T. Polodna, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.E. Proctor, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Rice, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 3 arrests  
Sgt. S.R. Rowe, 1 arrest

Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.A. Stuart, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 2 arrests  
Sgt. E.J. Walker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.J. Wood, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Yingling, 1 arrest

## Troop E

Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T.E. Erpenbach, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.E. Leach, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 3 arrests  
Cpl. R.D. Owens, 3 arrests  
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.T. Ulm, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.P. Watson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.M. Westmoreland, 1 arrest

## Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Acord, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.D. Bledsoe, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.M. Campbell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 2 arrests  
Sgt. C.S. Daniels, 4 arrests  
Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.W. Foust, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.R. Gregory, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.E. Gundy, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.R. Harlan, 2 arrests  
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.M. Malone III, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.R. Mistler, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.R. Powell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.W. Reichert, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 3 arrests

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Tpr. A.M. Richerson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.S. Thompson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.J. Washabaugh, 1 arrest

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## Troop G

Tpr. M. Barron, 2 arrests  
Sgt. J.A. Cravens, 2 arrests  
Tpr. S.J. Crewse, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 2 arrests  
Sgt. S.M. Dougherty, 1 arrest  
Sgt. L.S. Elliott, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.L. Freeman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.A. Kimes, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 9 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Nash, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.B. Pounds, 4 arrests  
Sgt. C.N. Ponder, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.C. Rowden, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Sellars, 1 arrest  
Cpl. E.M. VanWinkle, 5 arrests

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## Troop H

Tpr. J.C. Acree, 2 arrests  
Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Cool, 7 arrests  
Cpl. J.M. Cross, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Daly, 4 arrests  
Tpr. K.R. Dinwiddie, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.L. Ebersold, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Hainey, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 9 arrests  
Sgt. J.S. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 2 arrests  
Cpl. B.E. Maudlin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. A.G. McAtee, 1 arrest  
Tpr. V.R.E. McBride, 5 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Miller, 4 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.D. Obert, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.E. Peabody, 1 arrest  
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.H. Thompson, 3 arrests

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## Troop I

Tpr. C.R. Capps, 2 arrests  
Cpl. R.W. Clement, 1 arrest  
Tpr. I.A. Cox, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.W. Cunningham, 2 arrests  
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 4 arrests

Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 7 arrests  
Tpr. S.R. House, 3 arrests  
Sgt. J.C. Marlin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. McDonald, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.T. Peart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 4 arrests  
Tpr. R.A. Rizo, 4 arrests  
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 3 arrests

Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 7 arrests

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## Q/AD

Tpr. E.B. Mueller, 1 arrest

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## Q/GSD

Cpl. N.R. Atkinson, 1 arrest

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

### 45 years ago

*July 1971* – Weight inspectors at Troop A-3-E had an interesting experience. A truck pulled onto the scale to be weighed and was followed by two cars of armed men who stationed themselves around the truck and weight station office. The driver was overweight and instructed that he would have to correct the issue before proceeding. The inspector then learned the truck was loaded with quarters and dimes en route to a federal reserve bank in the East. Curiosity got the inspectors, who asked to see what \$1.25 million in quarters looked like. He was allowed a look and saw small, heavy bags piled three deep covering the entire floor of the trailer. The driver moved bags and corrected the weight problem under the guard of three or four armed men. When the group left, it was discovered one guard had left his shotgun leaning against the wall. Lucky for him, a trooper was called and the weapon relayed to him before he had to explain how he lost track of his shotgun while guarding the \$1.25 million truck.

### 35 years ago

*August 1981* – A photo showed Benton County Deputy Gray, Sheriff Crenshaw, and Tpr. Matthew B. Lindsey, Troop A, examining a catch made by two fishermen at Truman Lake near Warsaw. The fishermen noticed a wooden box floating in the lake and fished it out. They found \$250,000 in \$20 bills – all counterfeit! The money was turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.

### 25 years ago

*July 1991* – Cpl. Mikel H. Woods, Troop D, accepted the Missouri State Employee of the Month award for June from Governor John Ashcroft. A photo of the ceremony graced the cover of this issue.

### 15 years ago

*August 2001* – Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire had recently taken his Oath of Office as superintendent. He and his wife Connie were pictured on the cover. The 78th Recruit Class slammed dunked their co-workers in a benefit basketball game 57 to 46. One article provided a history of Patrol communications.



# Deaths

## Charles L. Reppell Jr.



Charles L. Reppell Jr., 90, of Mountain Home, AR, died Tuesday, May 10, 2016. He was born in St. Louis, MO, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Charles was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1958, and retired as a sergeant in 1980. Charles is survived by his wife, Helen, son, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Reppell family. To read about retired Sergeant Reppell's life, visit the Kirby & Family Funeral Cremation Services website at [www.kirbyandfamily.com](http://www.kirbyandfamily.com).

## James O. Morgan



James O. Morgan, 84, of Lake Havasu City, AZ, died Tuesday, May 17, 2016. James was appointed to the

Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1958, and retired as a trooper in 1986. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Morgan family.

## Shelba J. Reither



Shelba J. Reither, 79, of Potosi, MO, died Friday, June 3, 2016. Shelba was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1986, and retired as a clerk typist III in 1998. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Reither family.

## Orval L. Townsend



Orval L. Townsend, 77, of Ozark, MO, died Sunday, June 5, 2016. Orval graduated from Christian Brothers High School in St. Joseph, MO, in 1938. After high school, he worked for Hughes Aircraft and Geeco Inc. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Orval was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1967. He retired as a trooper in 1994. Orval is survived by his wife, two children, three grandchildren, and brother. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Townsend family. To read about retired Trooper Townsend's life, visit the Greenlawn Funeral Home website at [www.greenlawnfuneral-home.com](http://www.greenlawnfuneral-home.com).

## J. Marlin Luker



J. Marlin Luker, 84, of Holts Summit, MO, died Saturday, June 11, 2016. He graduated from Portageville High School in 1949. Marlin served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War (1951-1954). He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1958, and retired as a captain in 1988. Marlin is survived by his wife of 68 years, LaJeanne, four children, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and three siblings. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Luker family. To read about retired Captain Luker's life, visit the Freeman Mortuary website at [www.freeman-mortuary.com](http://www.freeman-mortuary.com).

# Deaths

## Gerald O. Groves



Gerald O. Groves, 84, of Willow Springs, MO, died Tuesday, June 14, 2016. He graduated from Plato High School in 1949, and attended Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) in Springfield, MO. He was a teacher and a Lebanon, MO, police officer prior to joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1961. He retired as a sergeant in 1990. Gerald is survived by his wife, Charlotte, two children, a grandson, a great-granddaughter, and two brothers. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Groves family. To read about retired Sergeant Groves' life, visit the Willow Funeral Home website at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com).

## Richard W. Landers Jr.



Richard W. Landers Jr., 86 of Poplar Bluff, MO, died on Saturday, June 18, 2016. He proudly served his county as a member of the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Landers was a commercial vehicle enforcement inspector for the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1960 until he retired as a chief commercial vehicle enforcement inspector, Troop E, in 1990. Mr. Landers is survived by his wife, son, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Landers family. To read about Mr. Landers' life, visit the Cotrell Funeral Service website at [www.meaningfulfunerals.net](http://www.meaningfulfunerals.net).

High School in California, MO, in 1971. She was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1995 as a AFIS Entry Oper. III in the Criminal Justice Information Systems. She retired in 2010. Diana is survived by her husband, Ret. Tpr. Jim Klug, four children, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Klug family. To read about Diana's life, visit the Freeman Mortuary website at [www.freemanmortuary.com](http://www.freemanmortuary.com).

## John H. (Jack) Little



John H. (Jack) Little, 87, of O'Fallon, MO, died on Monday, June 20, 2016. He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University and briefly taught school and coached in Elmo, MO. He joined the Missouri Army National Guard in 1946. His military career spanned 39 years. Jack was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1952 and retired as a major on March 1, 1987. Retired Major Little is survived by his wife Linda, four children, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Little family. To read about Major Little's life, visit the Baue Funerals-Crematory-Cemetery at [Baue.com](http://Baue.com).

## Diana K. Klug



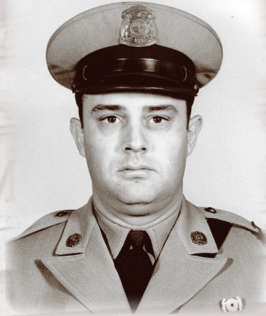
Diana K. Klug, 63, of New Bloomfield, MO, died Saturday, June 18, 2016. Diana graduated from California

“The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It's not about the circumstance, but rather, what you are made of.”

— Anonymous



# We Remember



**Tpr. John N. Greim**  
End of watch: July 13, 1945



**Tpr. Fred E. Guthrie Jr.**  
End of watch: August 1, 2011



**Cpl. John A. Sampietro Jr.**  
End of watch: August 17, 2005



**Tpr. James M. Bava**  
End of watch: August 28, 2015

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Chief CVO Vonda K. Smith (A) - mother  
Ret. Capt. I. David Smith - mother-in-law  
Chief CVO James E. VanZandt (A) - mother-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. Glenn Jarvis - wife  
Ret. Chief Telecom. Eng. Donald E. Graham - wife  
Capt. Scott A. Shippers (A) - father-in-law  
Cpl. Joseph T. Peart (I) - uncle  
Sgt. Michael E. Broniec (C) - father  
Cpl. Mark G. Broniec (F) - father  
Sgt. Matthew J. Broniec (F) - father  
Ret. Office Mgr. Rosie M. Butterfield - brother  
Sgt. Dale Knox (Q/GD) - father  
DE II Randy E. Knox (A) - father  
DE Sprv. Debbie V. Knox (A) - father-in-law

Sgt. Jason J. Whitt (Q/GSD) - grandmother  
MVI Sprv. Gary L. Campbell (F) - father  
Ret. Sgt. Pat C. Spire - mother-in-law  
Cpl. Jeffery D. Spire (A) - grandmother  
Lt. Erik A. Gottman (B) - father-in-law  
Clerk Typist III Amanda L. Gove (Q/CJISD) - mother  
Chief Operator John D. Hamilton (D) - grandmother  
Clerk III Jeff A. Herigon (Q/BPD) - father  
CITS II Charlie M. Herigon (Q/ICTD) - father  
Cpl. Daniel A. Spring (B) - grandmother  
Clerk Typist III Karen D. Bowland (A) - mother  
Ret. Stenographer Dianne R. Wallace - husband

MVI Sprv. Bob L. Polen (A) - sister  
Ret. Comm. Oper. Mike W. Coy - mother  
Cpl. Robert C. West (A) - father  
Tpr. Brandon L. Butler (D) - brother  
Technician III Elisha M. Carlock (Q/CJISD) - mother  
Ret. CVE Inspector III Glenn C. Jarvis - wife  
Ret. MVI III John H. Lewis - mother-in-law  
DE Sprv. Willis L. Lewis (E) - grandmother  
Comm Oper III Doreen L. Svardal (D) - father

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